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SUBJECT: TDY ASSISTANCE IN DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION

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1. DURING RECENT WEEKS THE DEPARTMENT HAS OFFERED TO
ARRANGE THREE TECHNICAL CONSULTANCIES IN DRUG DEMAND RE-
DUCTION. STATUS OF EACH IS DISCUSSED BELOW.

2. PATIENT REPORTING SYSTEMS: PRIMARY PURPOSE OF TDY
VISIT BY NIDA EXPERT IN PATIENT REPORTING SYSTEMS (DIS-
CUSSED REFS A AND B) WOULD BE TO ASSIST BMHD PERSONNEL IN
DESIGNING A PATIENT REPORTING SYSTEM. BECAUSE THE BMHD
WILL HAVE TO PROVIDE REPORTS TO THE ONCB, IT WOULD BE USE-
FUL FOR THE NIDA EXPERT TO REVIEW ONCB PLANS IN THIS AREA
TO ENSURE THAT THE BMHD SYSTEM IS COMPATIBLE WITH ONCB
REQUIREMENTS. IF ONCB'S PLANS HAVE NOT BEEN FINALIZED,
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HOWEVER, THE NIDA EXPERT COULD SKETCH OUT A SYSTEM CAPABLE
OF PROVIDING COMPREHENSIVE PATIENT REFERRAL AND TRACKING
INFORMATION, AND DISCUSS WITH EMBASSY STAFF APPROPRIATE
NEXT STEPS IN HELPING THE ONCB DEVELOP SUCH A SYSTEM. THIS
CONSULTANCY IS NOT EXPECTED TO YIELD A DETAILED SYSTEMS
DESIGN; RATHER IT SHOULD ASSIST EMBASSY AND ONCB STAFF TO
DETERMINE WHETHER THE REPORTING MECHANISMS CURRENTLY

PLANNED ARE APPROPRIATE TO THE NEEDS OF THE TREATMENT COMMUNITY IN BANGKOK. A THREE-WEEK VISIT SHOULD BE ADEQUATE FOR THIS TASK. NIDA PROPOSES TO SEND DR. WILLIAM SPILLANE, DIRECTOR OF ITS DIVISION OF SCIENTIFIC AND PROGRAM INFORMATION, TO PROVIDE THIS TDY CONSULTANCY. WITH EMBASSY CONCURRENCE, DR. SPILLANE IS PLANNING TO ARRIVE ON OR ABOUT JUNE 19, REMAINING FOR APPROXIMATELY THREE WEEKS.

3. URINALYSIS: AS DISCUSSED REF C URINALYSIS DATA WILL FORM AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE EMPIRICAL BASIS FOR AN EVALUATION OF THE BMHD PROJECT. NIDA HAS NOMINATED DR. CHARLES GORODETZKY TO PROVIDE THE CONSULTATION DISCUSSED REF C AND PROPOSES THAT HE VISIT BANGKOK FOR TWO WEEKS BEGINNING JUNE 19.

4. EVALUATION: WE BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER TO POSTPONE THE VISIT OF AN EVALUATION CONSULTANT UNTIL AFTER COMPLETION OF THE CONSULTANCIES DISCUSSED ABOVE. THE DESIGN OF A COMPREHENSIVE EVALUATION OF THE BMHD PROJECT WILL BE GREATLY INFLUENCED BY THE TYPE OF URINALYSIS AND PATIENT BACKGROUND INFORMATION THAT ARE AVAILABLE. WE WILL HAVE A MUCH BETTER PICTURE OF THIS AFTER THE FIRST TWO CONSULTANCIES ARE COMPLETED. IN ANY EVENT, SOUND PATIENT INFORMATION AND URINE TESTING DATA WILL BE UNCLASSIFIED

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COMPATIBLE WITH WHATEVER EVALUATION DESIGN IS FINALLY ADOPTED.

5. PLEASE ADVISE BY PRIORITY CABLE IF PLANS AND VISIT

DATES PROPOSED ABOVE ARE ACCEPTABLE. CHRISTOPHER

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